

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2906 - SB 2939**

March 24, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Exempts narrow run-off ditches that are dry a majority of the year from the provisions of the Water Quality Control Act.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenues – Exceeds \$500,000/Environmental Protection Fund**


**Other Fiscal Impact – By exempting such waters from the provisions of the Water Quality Control Act, the definition of waters of the state would be more narrowly defined than the federal definition of waters. Narrowing of this definition would jeopardize approximately \$2,100,000 of federal funding to the Department of Environment and Conservation.**

Assumptions:

- A decrease in state revenues exceeding \$500,000 due to fewer discharge permits being sold due to the exclusion of such waters from regulation.
- A reduction of approximately 1395 permits.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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